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The listed documents were cited in a European Search Report dated March 19, 2004. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

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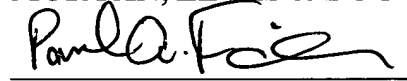
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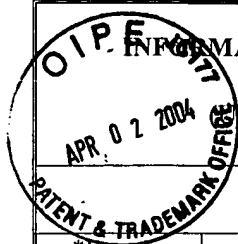
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